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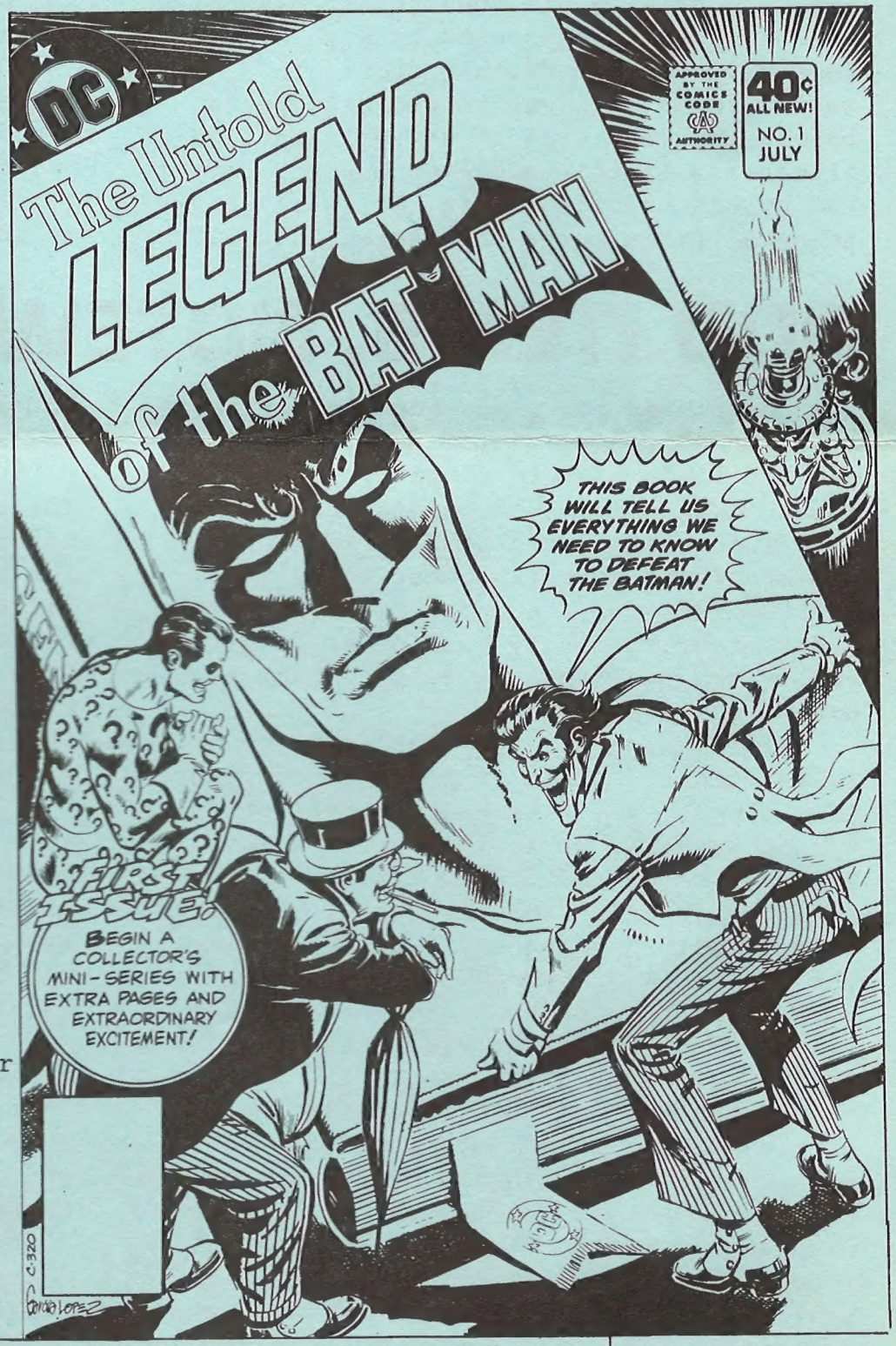
BATMAN LEGEND REVEALED BY WEIN, BYRNE AND APARO!

The secret, untold legends of the Batman will at last be revealed to the light of day in a special, three issue set. The first issue is showcased by John Byrne pencils and Jim Aparo inks, with a script crafted by Len Wein detailing the tragedy that created the awesome Batman. This is more than a re-telling of the darknight detective's origin. It is an all-new drama of the events surrounding the life of the dread Avenger of the Night. Discover the origins of his most dangerous enemies--the Joker and Two-Face and others. Read how Robin came to be when a young lad was determined to avenge the death of his parents. Learn the secrets of the vast Batcave and the incredible arsenal it holds. All the heretofor untold tales of the Batman's life and friends and foes are chronicled here between the covers of this special limited edition. Do not miss a single one of them!

THE UNTOLD LEGEND OF THE BATMAN #1 is a masterpiece of comics talent, and there will be nothing quite like it again. This is your invitation to discover the Collector's Item of 1980!! Do not miss it when it goes on sale April 24th. The cover of THE UNTOLD LEGEND OF THE BATMAN #1 is an original by Jose Garcia Lopez.



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JOHNNY PERIL RETURNS IN UNEXPECTED #200!

This landmark issue of UNEXPECTED brings you three special stories to celebrate this one-time-only event.

Returning once again to investigate a mystery of the supernatural, Johnny Peril puts his deductive talents to use in this special tale written by Mike W. Barr. Peril has long been a favorite of mystery and ghost fans, and this story puts him back in his "unnatural" element--the unknown! Johnny teams up with a friendly rival, psychic Heather Storm, in a search for a millionaire who disappears before the very eyes of several startled witnesses. Is this a clever murder, committed by his beautiful wife, or is it something a little more--unexpected?! It all happens in "The House on the Edge of Eternity", and is illustrated by the art team of George Tuska and Bob Smith.

Also in this issue, find out about the extremely odd goings-on behind a simple overnight hike at "Summer Camp." Remember telling ghost stories around a campfire? This innocent activity will never be the same for you after reading this tale by J.M. DeMatteis, illustrated by Ernesto Patricio.

George Kashdan and Jack Abel show us why we should "Never Betray a Witch" in a tale detailing the fate of a man who did! What could be his destiny--Death?

All this is in UNEXPECTED #200. Look for it on sale April 24th.

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Searching for a way home to Skartaris from the long-lost Wizard World, the Warlord finds himself caught in a "Gambit" in an in-between world populated by some very interesting--and familiar--characters! Who are these surprise guest-stars in WARLORD #35, written and pencilled by Mike Grell? Your curiosity will never forgive you if you pass this issue by. Cover by Mike Grell. On sale April 24.

The Legion of Super-Heroes discover themselves tangled up in "The Brigadoon Syndrome" when they finally learn the secret of Tyroc's island people--but it is a dread enigma that traps Dawnstar and Shadow Lass on the isle forever! The plot to this tale is by Gerry Conway, with dialogue by J.M. DeMatteis. The art is by Jimmy Janes and Dave Hunt. Look for the cover by Dick Giordano. The LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #265 goes on sale April 24.

Green Lantern faces "Sonar's Sonic Atomic Attack" in an adventure written by Bob Rozakis, and with art by Joe Staton and Frank McLaughlin. Why is one of the Green Gladiator's most foul nemeses buying jets from Ferris Aircraft?! Find out in GREEN LANTERN #130! Also, this issue begins a new, special limited series of Tales of the Green Lantern Corps with "The Trial of Arkkis Chummuck"--a Green Lantern charged with murder! Read this tale by Bob Toomey, drawn by Alex Saviuk and Auggie Scotto, You can't miss the special cover by Brian Bolland. On sale April 24.

The Flash must discover the secret of the man in the alchemist's mask when he confronts "Dr. Alchemy and Mr. Desmond!" The malificent magician is back--but his "alter ego" Desmond pleads innocent of the crimes committed. How can this be? Find out when Cary Bates relates this tale of blackest magic, illustrated by Don Heck and Frank Chiaramonte. Be guided to FLASH #287 by the cover by Heck and Giordano. On sale April 10.

The JLA goes to the fiery depths! And they find there "A Beautiful Evil", in the guise of the Satin Satan. Conway concludes his tale of one of Satan's own in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #180, drawn by Dick Dillin and McLaughlin. The cover is a Jim Starlin dazzler! On sale April 10.

Wonder Woman calls it quits! The Amazon Princess sheds her super-heroine gear to "Return to Paradise Island", at last no longer able to contend with Man's world. Is this the end of Wonder Woman? Read this story by Gerry Conway, illustrated by Jose Delbo, with inks by Wally Wood and Bob Smith. The cover to WONDER WOMAN #269 is by Andru and Giordano. On sale April 10.

In ADVENTURE #473, Starman finds himself "Twixt Anvil and Hammer" when he discovers the secret of the living starship who has stolen the Empress of his homeland! The story is by Paul Levitz, and the art is

by Steve Ditko and Romeo Tanghal. In the same issue, Plastic Man is smack dab in the middle of a "Midway Madness"--as only he can be--as he faces the final showdown with the lawless Lowbrow. This tale is scripted by Marty Pasko, and drawn by Staton and Smith. The cover to ADVENTURE #473 is by Andru and Giordano. On sale April 24.

In Greece, the Unknown Soldier poses as a simple Greek fisherman--unaware that his cover identity is really a Nazi collaborator! The Immortal G.I. faces hazardous complications to his life-saving mission in an adventure called "Shall Heroes Prevail?" written by Bob Haney, and drawn by Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. Cover by Joe Kubert. On sale April 24.

The Batman must solve the unusual mystery of a "Death--20 Stories High" when its victim is Commissioner Gordon! This tale of intrigue is scripted by Roger McKenzie, and illustrated by Irv Novick and Steve Mitchell. The cover of BATMAN #325 is by Jim Aparo,on sale April 10.

What are the strange rites celebrated in the murky depths of the Florida Everglades on "The Night of the Seminole"? Michael Fleisher scripts a tale of Indian mystery drawn by Abe Ocampo, with a cover by Joe Kubert. WEIRD WAR #89 goes on sale April 10.

The Hawkman allies with the Batman in BRAVE & BOLD #164 to solve the "Mystery of the Mobile Museum". It is a secret only to be revealed by writer J.M. DeMatteis and artist Jose Garcia Lopez. Look for the cover by Aparo. On sale April 24.

A "Curse Out of Time" joins two heroes from two parallel worlds in an eons-spanning search in DC COMICS PRESENTS #23. Superman and Dr. Fate fight mysticism and magic to save a city a beautiful girl in this adventure written by Denny O'Neil and drawn by Joe Staton and Vince Colletta. Look for the Andru and Giordano cover. On sale April 10.

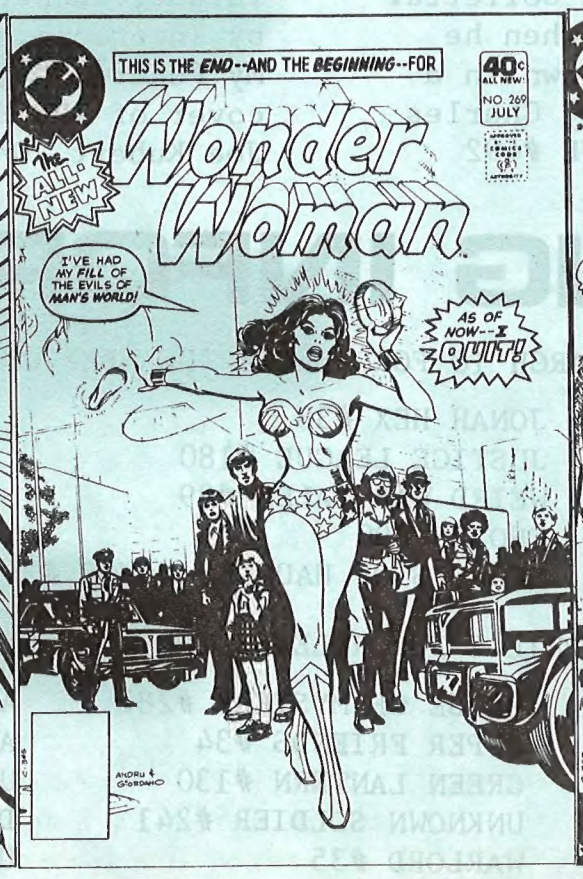
Superboy declares "This Planet is Condemned!" The fate of an alien world rests on the shoulders of the Teen of Steel in this story by Cary Bates, drawn by Kurt Schaffenberger and Dave Hunt. The cover of SUPERBOY #7 is also by Schaffenberger and Hunt. On sale April 24.

The Super Friends battle "The Creature That Slept a Million Years" in SUPER FRIENDS #34, a tale by E. Nelson Bridwell and drawn by Ramona Fradon with Colletta inks. The Wonder Twins solo in their own adventure when they come up against "The Boss and the Beast." The story is by Bridwell. The art team is Fradon and Colletta. The cover is by Fradon and Smith. On sale April 24.

It's a lie! It's nothing but "A Great Space-Travel Hoax!" Cary Bates writes a tale of those who don't believe in men on the moon--or even a Superman from another planet. How does the Man from Krypton prove he is for real?! This tale is illustrated by Curt Swan and Chiaramonte. The cover of ACTION #509 is by Andru and Giordano. On sale April 24.

There's super action in SUPERMAN FAMILY #202. Supergirl battles a super-villain of her own creation in "The Dynamic Duel", by Jack C. Harris, with art by Win Mortimer and Vince Colletta. Mr. & Mrs. Superman relate the story of "The Man Who Discovered Kryptonite", by E. Nelson Bridwell, with

MAN OF MIGHT MEETS MYSTIC MAGE!
DC COMICS PRESENTS
SUPERMAN AND Doctor FATE
40¢ ALL NEW! NO. 23 JULY
BY ALL THE ELDER GODS--UNLESS I CAN BREAK THE EVIL SPELL WHICH HAS ENSLAVED SUPERMAN TO THAT BEWITCHED BUCCANEER--
--HE WILL BE CURSED FOR ALL ETERNITY!


THIS IS THE END--AND THE BEGINNING--FOR
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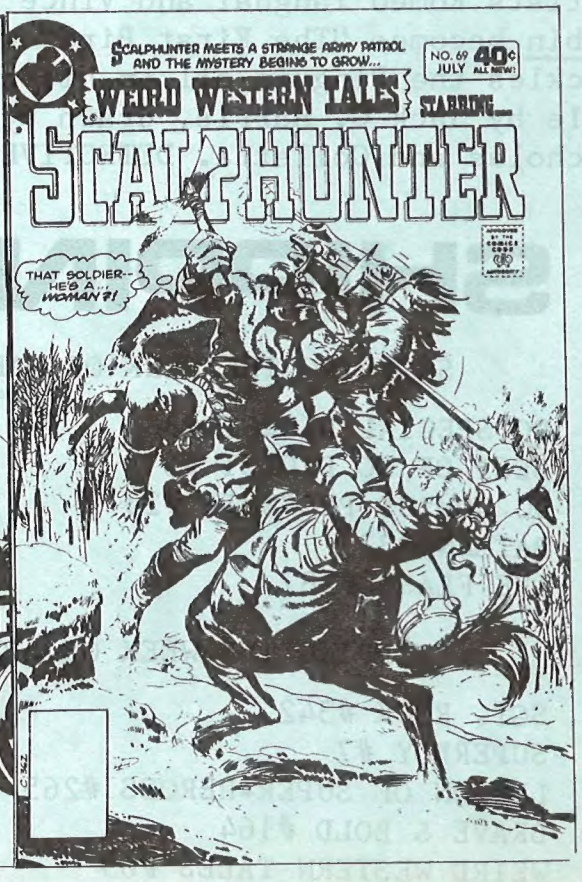
The ALL-NEW Wonder Woman
I'VE HAD MY FILL OF THE EVILS OF MAN'S WORLD!
AS OF NOW--I QUIT!


SCALPHUNTER MEETS A STRANGE ARMY PATROL AND THE MYSTERY BEGINS TO GROW...
NO. 69 JULY 40¢ ALL NEW!
WEIRD WESTERN TALES STARRING...
SCALPHUNTER
THAT SOLDIER--HE'S A WOMAN?!

Kurt Schaffenberger and Joe Giella art. It's jury duty in the Private Life of Clark Kent when he must prove the accused "Innocent Beyond a Reasonable Doubt", a story by Bob Rozakis, John Calnan, and Chiaramonte. Lois Lane performs a "Swan Song for a Girl Reporter" when she goes to the ballet in a tale scripted by Conway with art by Oksner and Colletta. Jimmy Olsen is "The Reporter Nobody Knows"--a story by Conway, and art by Saviuk and Giella. The cover of SUPERMAN FAMILY #202 is by Andru and Giordano. On sale April 24.

Superman returns from a mission in space to find his whole world suddenly unfamiliar! Why is his Earth inexplicably populated by a Superwoman, Clara Kent, Jenny Olsen, Louis Lane, and Penny White?! What--or who--has caused "The Turnabout Trap!" This puzzling predicament is scripted by Marty Pasko, and the art team is Curt Swan and Frank Chiaramonte. The cover of SUPERMAN #349 is by Andru and Giordano. On sale April 10.

DETECTIVE #492 spotlights a special cross-over of the Batman and Batgirl adventures. Batgirl is marked for murder, and only the Midnight Manhunter can trace the clues along "The Vengence Trail", a tale by Cary Burkett, drawn by Don Newton and Dan Adkins. The Daughter of the Night, however, is "At War with General Scar", by Burkett, Newton, and Smith. In the Tales of Gotham City, there are "50 Million Tons of Soul", a story by Bob Haney, drawn by Bob Oksner. "We Are Experiencing a Slight Delay" bothers the Man-Bat, by writer Bob Rozakis, and artists Romeo Tanghal and Vince Colletta. Robin becomes "The First Bird" when he tackles the Penguin all on his own in a tale by Jack C. Harris, drawn by Charles Nicholas and Colletta. DETECTIVE #492 sports a cover by Jim Aparo. On sale April 24

Jonah Hex travels a long, treacherous trail to a hidden valley of pure gold--the sole guide for a ruthless band of killers in search of "Iron Dog's Gold!" Michael Fleisher is the writer, and Dan Speigle is the artist. The cover of JONAH HEX #38 is by Luis Dominguez. On sale April 10.

Easy Co. tells how they each view their fearless leader for the benefit of a traveling war journalist in "The Six Sides of Sgt. Rock." This war tale is scripted by Robert Kanigher, and drawn by Frank Redondo. Look for the cover by Joe Kubert. SGT. ROCK #342 goes on sale April 24.

ALL-OUT WAR #6 hits hard with five all-new battle tales: Viking Commando: "The War Without a Name", by Kanigher and Sam Glanzman; Black Eagle: "Brothers On a Bull's Eye", written by Kanigher and drawn by Ayers and Tanghal; "Hard Hat Heroes" is scripted by Evan Douglas and illustrated by Dick Payne; "Zero Hour is 27 Years Long" is written by Jan Laurie and drawn by Jess Jodloman; and "Double Death of Adolf Hitler" is the final mission of Force 3, written by Kanigher and illustrated by Grandenetti. ALL-OUT WAR #6 is on sale April 10.

GHOSTS #90 presents: "The Ghost Galleo by George Kashdan and drawn by Jack Sparling and Colletta; "Phantom of the Disco" by Kashdan, Charles Nicholas and Sparling; plus "How to Outwit a Phantom" by Wessler, Nicholas, and Colletta. The cover is by Jimmy Janes and Dick Giordano. On sale April 10. The House of Mystery contains: "The Lady Killer Craves Blood" by DeMatteis and Talaoc; "Someplace Where the Sun Don't Shine by Ingersoll and Sekowsky; and "I'm Off to My Funeral" by Kashdan and Mar Amongo. The cover of THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY #282 is by Joe Kubert. On sale April 24.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 FOR RELESE THE WEEK OF APRIL 10:

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